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1. IN SOLE PRESS COMMENTARY TO DATE, "ZAMEDELSKO ZNAME"
CARRIES ARTICLE JANUARY 11 ON PRESIDENT'S LETTER TO ALL
OIL CONSUMING NATIONS. HAVING ASKED RHETORICAL QUESTION
ON WHAT MOTIVATED INVITATION, ARTICLE CLAIMS THAT
COMBINATION OF NEED TO PROTECT "OIL MONOPOLIES OF TEXAS
AND CALIFORNIA" AND FEAR THAT WEST EUROPEANS AND JAPAN
WOULD WORK BOT BILATERAL ARRANGEMENTS FORCE US TO
ATTEMPT TO SET UP ORGANIZATION TO COOUNTER OPEC.

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2. PAPER ADMITS THAT DECISION FOR WEST EUROPEANS IS NOT

EASY ONE, BECAUSE THEY HAVE MUCH MORE TO LOSE THAN US.
WHICH IS IN RELATIVELY STRONG POSITION VIS-A-VIS
ARAB IL PRODUCERS. ALTHOUGH THERE HAS NOT YET BEEN
OFFICIAL REACTION FROM PARIS, Z.Z. NOTES THAT FRENCH
PRESS SEES INVITATION AS DEVICE TO STRENGTHEN U.S.
ECONOMIC POSITION AND SLOW DOWN GROWING FRENCH-ARAB
COOPERATION. ARTICLE CONCLUDES BY CONCEDING THAT
MEETING WILL PROBABLY TAKE PLACE WITH PARTICIPATION
OF ALL INVITED, BUT STATES THAT WEST EUROPEANS WILL
INSIST ON MOVING AWAY FROM CONFRONTATION TO COOPERATION
WITH ARAB STATES.
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